

Fair Daffodils.

BY RHENIP. Fair daffodils, we wish to see you... As yet the early rising sun has not attained his noon.

SPECIAL PARIS AND CONTINENTAL CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the Evening Telegraph - PARIS, MAY 4.

We are sick and tired of asking ourselves if we shall have war, or if we are to continue to enjoy the blessings of peace.

It was at first attempted to draw Austria into the snare by means from Prussia; however, when it was seen that she was not to be caught in that way, the Cabinet of Florence pretended that it was alarmed at the war like preparations in Venice, and began putting its army on a war footing.

Italy is making a most terrible fuss. The President of the Council, General La Marmora, has addressed a circular to all foreign Cabinets, asserting that in presence of the measures of Austria it could do no other than prepare for every emergency.

What Italy is doing leaves no doubt that Victor Emmanuel is determined upon having a ding at the Kaiser's. The whole army has been placed on a war footing, and it is generally expected that he will take the command in chief of the Italian force, leaving the kingdom to be governed in his absence by his cousin, Prince de Carignano.

The financial measures that have been adopted are equally explicit as regards the line of policy now being adopted by the country. The Chamber of Deputies and the Senate have authorized the Government to have recourse to extreme measures in order to fill the empty coffers.

There can be no doubt of the ardent intentions of Italy. War is what is wanted. The stock-jobbers of the different money markets of Europe are of this opinion, and the consequence is that Italian funds, which were at 22 francs at the commencement of the month, have now fallen to 13 francs.

The opinion in Europe is decidedly opposed to the slaughter called war, which is carried on at the expense of the people, who have a way to pay the piper, and notwithstanding the efforts of the Italian press there is no general feeling of indignation at the Cabinets of Vienna and Berlin.

At the time of the conquest of Mexico by Cortez in 1519, tobacco smoking was an established custom among the natives; and Francisco Lopez de Gouara, who was chaplain to Cortez, relates that they used either the leaves rolled up into a cylinder, or pipes made of reeds and beautifully ornamented.

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The town and harbor of Cattaro, in Dalmatia, belong to Austria. If a war were to break out between Austria and Italy, it is very likely that the Italian fleet will approach the batteries, and expose itself to the Austrian batteries, which will allow it to take Hapsburg's flag.

Notwithstanding the almost inevitable chances of war, one of the doors of the temple of peace still remains open. All will, no doubt, be done by the diplomatic corps to prevent its being shut.

MR. GLADSTONE IN PARIS. A report is current that John Bull is taking the matter in hand, and that Mr. Gladstone has arrived in the French capital, in the hopes of forming a peace congress, in which Russia, England, and France will take the leading parts.

It is refreshing to turn occasionally from the arid waste of political speculation. Let us then dismiss Bismarck, Victor Emmanuel, Franz Joseph, and the whole lot of astute ears of the peace of Europe for a while, and talk to you of

beautiful garden down stairs, where we could saunter about, smoking our Havana, at the same time admiring the statuary, which is now cooped up in a side building, much to the annoyance of the public.

THE JEWS AND THE CROSS. The Jews residing in Moscow, moved by an unanimous sentiment of devotion to the Emperor Alexander, have celebrated in their synagogues a service of thanksgiving on the occasion of the preservation of his Majesty's life, looking on it as a new manifestation of the Divine solicitude for the welfare of Russia.

THE EMPEROR IN THE PROVINCES. The Mayor of Besancon, in the Doubs department, has informed the inhabitants of those districts that the Emperor has intimated his intention of honoring them shortly with an imperial visit.

THE CHOLERA STILL IN FRANCE. Advice from Nantes state that some cases of cholera have occurred in three different localities in the Department of the Loire. Several medical men of note have been despatched from Paris to attend patients, and send in a report.

A Dissertation on the Origin of Smoking and the Use of Tobacco. At what period the use of the tobacco plant was known to the several nations inhabiting the Americas we know not; but it is certain that when Christopher Columbus landed on the 12th of October, 1492, on the island of Guanahani, one of the western Lucua or Bahama Islands, to which he gave the name of San Salvador, he and his crew were struck by the Indians of the prairies of the Upper Mississippi and the Sioux country.

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Brazil, in a narrative of a Carmelite monk, Andre Thevet, who accompanied the expedition of Nicol Durand to Villegagnon to form a settlement on the river Gaubara, in 1555. In North America the practice of smoking tobacco in pipes existed among all the tribes of native Indians at the time when they were first brought in contact with Europeans, and there is every reason to believe that it originated among the ancient nations, of which the wild Indians, as they are called, are the scattered remnants. At any rate, the practice was already ancient among the nations mentioned by the abundance of pipes found in the old graves and tumuli in the regions bordering the Canadian sea, and in those watered by the Ohio, Scioto, Wabash, Miami, and Mississippi, as well as the States of Texas, Louisiana, and Florida.

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tobacco was prohibited in England, but permitted in Ireland, and a duty was laid on its importation in 1654. In 1783 the tax was increased and put under the excise. The trade in tobacco has gone on steadily increasing up to the present day. The importation in 1850 was 43,051,954 pounds, of which 1,905,306 pounds were manufactured.—N. O. Times.

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